

# PCT

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference  5463-2 PCT	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	
see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.		
International application No.  PCT/IB2004/004073	International filing date (day/month/year)  10/12/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)  10/12/2003
Applicant  AGENCY FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH		
<p>This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.</p> <p>This International Search Report consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.</p>		
<p>1. Basis of the report</p> <p>a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> With regard to any <b>nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence</b> disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).</p> <p>4. With regard to the title,</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:</p>		
<p>5. With regard to the abstract,</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.</p> <p>6. With regard to the drawings,</p> <p>a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as suggested by the applicant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.</p>		

## Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
  - a. type of material
    - a sequence listing
    - table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material
    - in written format
    - in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing
    - contained in the international application as filed
    - filed together with the international application in computer readable form
    - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search
2.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
 IPC 7 C07K14/165 C07K16/10 C12N15/50 G01N33/68 A61K39/215  
 A61P31/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
 IPC 7 C07K C12N G01N A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, Sequence Search, WPI Data

**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category <sup>a</sup>	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>DATABASE EMBL 'Online!'  23 April 2003 (2003-04-23), "SARS  coronavirus Urbani, complete genome."  XP002335172  retrieved from EBI accession no.  EM_PRO:AY278741  Database accession no. AY278741  abstract  -&amp; ROTA P A ET AL: "Characterization of a  novel coronavirus associated with severe  acute respiratory syndrome" SCIENCE,  AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  OF SCIENCE,, US,  vol. 300, no. 5624,  30 May 2003 (2003-05-30), pages 1394-1399,  XP002269482  ISSN: 0036-8075  the whole document</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	1-3, 5-10,18



Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

<sup>a</sup> Special categories of cited documents:

- \*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- \*E\* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
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- \*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- \*Y\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	KROKHIN OLEG ET AL: "Mass Spectrometric Characterization of Proteins from the SARS Virus: A Preliminary Report." MOLECULAR & CELLULAR PROTEOMICS : MCP. MAY 2003, vol. 2, no. 5, May 2003 (2003-05), pages 346-356, XP002335128 ISSN: 1535-9476 page 347, left-hand column, paragraph 2 - right-hand column, paragraph 1 page 351, left-hand column, paragraph 1; tables III,IV	21-31, 37-41
T	KENG CHOONG-TAT ET AL: "Amino acids 1055 to 1192 in the S2 region of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus S protein induce neutralizing antibodies: implications for the development of vaccines and antiviral agents." JOURNAL OF VIROLOGY. MAR 2005, vol. 79, no. 6, March 2005 (2005-03), pages 3289-3296, XP008049537 ISSN: 0022-538X	1-48
P, X	WO 2004/092360 A (CHIRON CORPORATION; RAPPOLI, RINO; MASNIGANI, VEGA; STADLER, KONRAD;) 28 October 2004 (2004-10-28) page 300; claims	21-48
E	WO 2004/111081 A (CRUCELL HOLLAND B.V; TER MEULEN, JAN, HENRIK; GOUDSMIT, JAAP; SLOOTSTR) 23 December 2004 (2004-12-23) claims; figure 3	1-20
E	WO 2005/016247 A (PROTEIN POTENTIAL LLC; HOFFMAN, STEPHEN, L; LIANG, HONG; SIM, KIM, LEE) 24 February 2005 (2005-02-24) claims; examples	1-48

**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: — because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
Although claims 14, 15 and 44 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2.  Claims Nos.: — because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3.  Claims Nos.: — because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

**Remark on Protest**

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)		Publication date
WO 2004092360	A 28-10-2004	WO	2004092360 A2	28-10-2004
WO 2004111081	A 23-12-2004	WO	2004111081 A2	23-12-2004
WO 2005016247	A 24-02-2005	WO	2005016247 A2	24-02-2005